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| <b>Notice of Allowability</b> | <b>Application No.</b> | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |  |
|                               | 09/606,692             | CRAIG ET AL.        |  |
|                               | <b>Examiner</b>        | <b>Art Unit</b>     |  |
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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the communication filed 12/16/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 6-12, 2-5 and 16-20, 14 and 26-32, 22-25 and 36-40, 34-35 (Claims are renumbered as 1-35 respectively).
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No./Mail Date 11/12/03.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

*Reasons for allowance*

1. This communication is in response to applicant's 12/02/2004 amendment in the application of Craig et al. for a "Scalable voice over IP system providing independent call bridging for outbound calls initiated by user interface applications" filed 06/30/2000. This application is a Continuation in Part (CIP) of 09/479,235 filed 01/07/2000 is now US Patent #6,735,288. This application is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under C.F.R. 1.114 filed on December 16, 2004. The proposed amendment to the claims and response have been entered and made of record. Claims 1, 13, 15, 21, 33 have been canceled per applicant's request, and claims 2, 6, 11, 14, 16, 18-20, 22, 26, 31, 34-36, 38-40 have been amended. The claims have been amended to better point out and more distinctly claim subject matter comprising the invention.

2. Claims 6-12, 2-5 and 16-20, 14 and 26-32, 22-25 and 36-40, 34-35 are allowable as evident by applicant's amendment (Claims are renumbered as 1-35 respectively).

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The instant application is deemed to be directed to a no obvious improvement over the prior art of record. The improvement comprises: wherein the user interface resource outputs Non-Empty capability Set messages for the first and second RTP data streams to the IP telephony gateway across the H.245 channel, the IP telephony gateway in response initiating bridging of the first and second RTP data streams; wherein the IP telephony gateway initiates the bridging by sending an Open

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Logical Channel request to the user interface resource, the user interface resource in response sending an acknowledgment and media stream addresses for the first and second RTP data streams, the IP telephony gateway bridging the first and second RTP data streams based on the media stream addresses; wherein the step of connecting the first and second RTP data streams includes closing the first and second RTP data streams to the user interface resource by sending to an IP telephony gateway, configured for establishing the first and second RTP data streams with the subscriber and the destination party, respectively, Empty Capability Set messages across an H.245 protocol channel for the first and second RTP data streams, respectively, wherein the IP telephony gateway in response closes the first and second RTP data streams to the user interface resource, as expressly recited in the claims.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Any response to this action should be mailed to:***

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Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive,  
Arlington, VA., Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Man U. Phan whose telephone number is (571) 272-3149. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm.

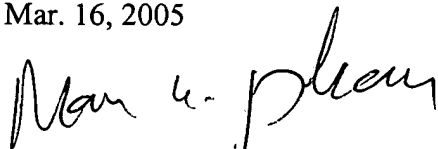
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu, can be reached on (571) 272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306/9314.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

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